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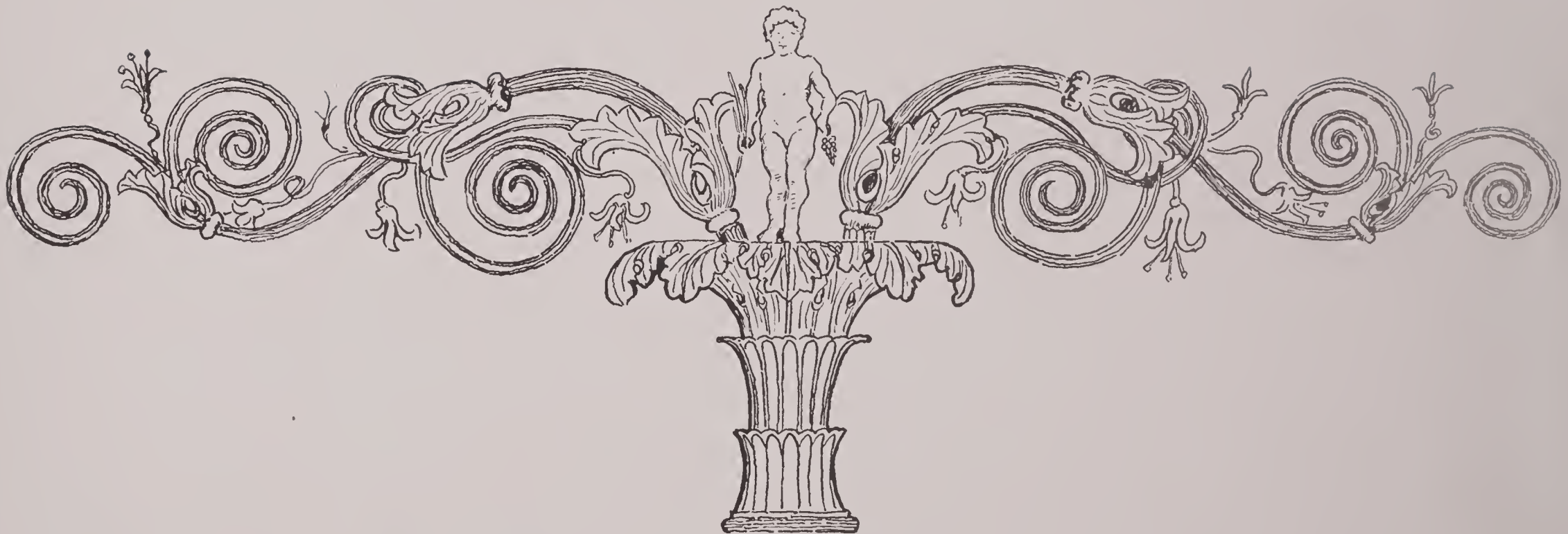
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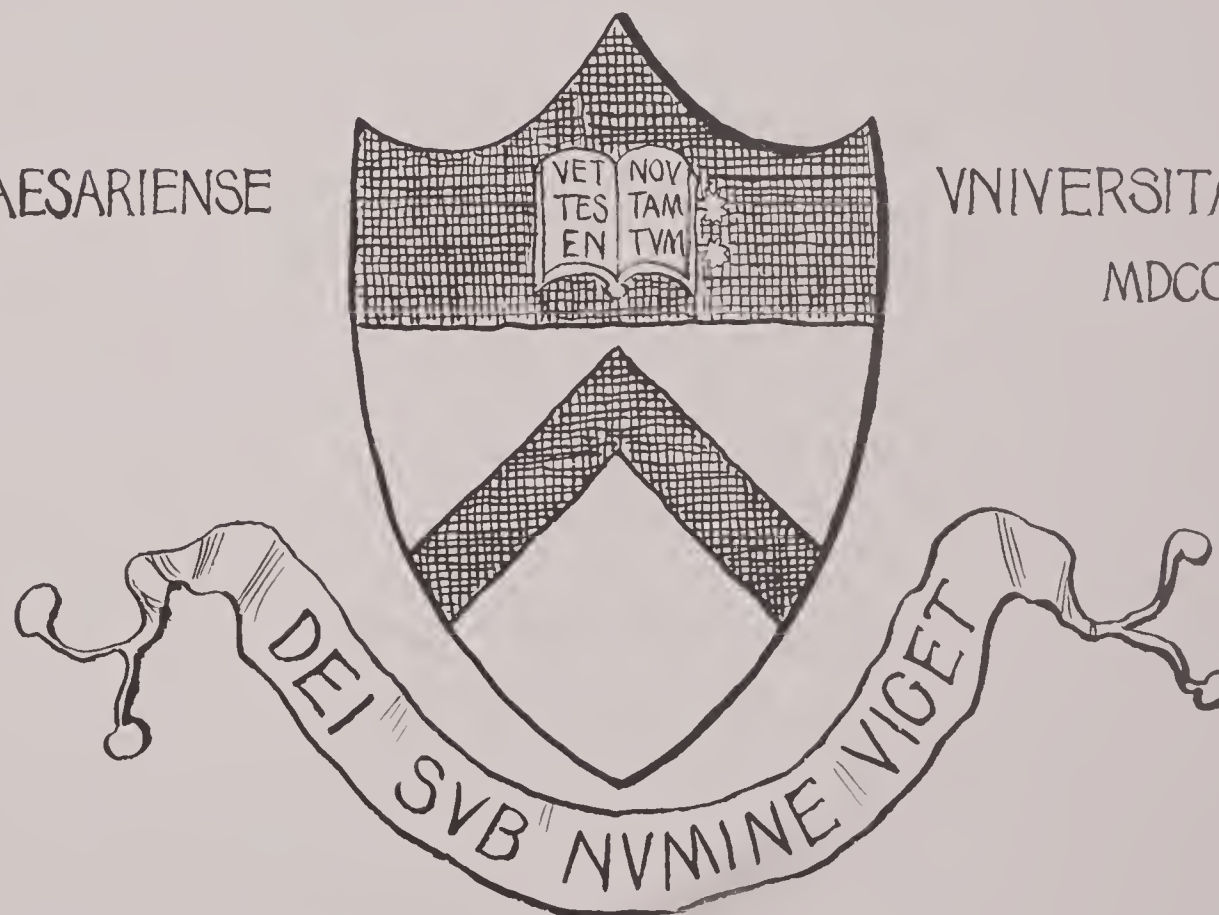
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THE SESQUICENTENNIAL MEDAL

INTRODUCTION

UNDER the fairest of autumnal skies, with the turning foliage in full glory, the pageant of the Sesquicentennial Celebration passed along like a dream and only too swiftly passed away from sight to memory. It was a time never to be forgotten by the sons of Princeton who were present to see it and an occasion never to be repeated in our lifetime. The true spirit of Princeton was made manifest in its power. Old Nassau Hall, the shrine of Princeton from the colonial days, and on through the Revolution down to the present, stood forth once more as the venerable symbol of what is truest and best in American learning, religion and patriotism. Such fervor of devotion to the old place and the great truths for which it stands has never before been evoked in its history in such fulness and intensity. The students and alumni in attendance amounted to three thousand and represented nearly all the classes from 1825 to 1900, and any university in the world might well covet the devotion they manifested toward their academic home. May the pictures which form this book serve to recall to their minds the scenes of these three eventful days and stimulate anew their love for Princeton.

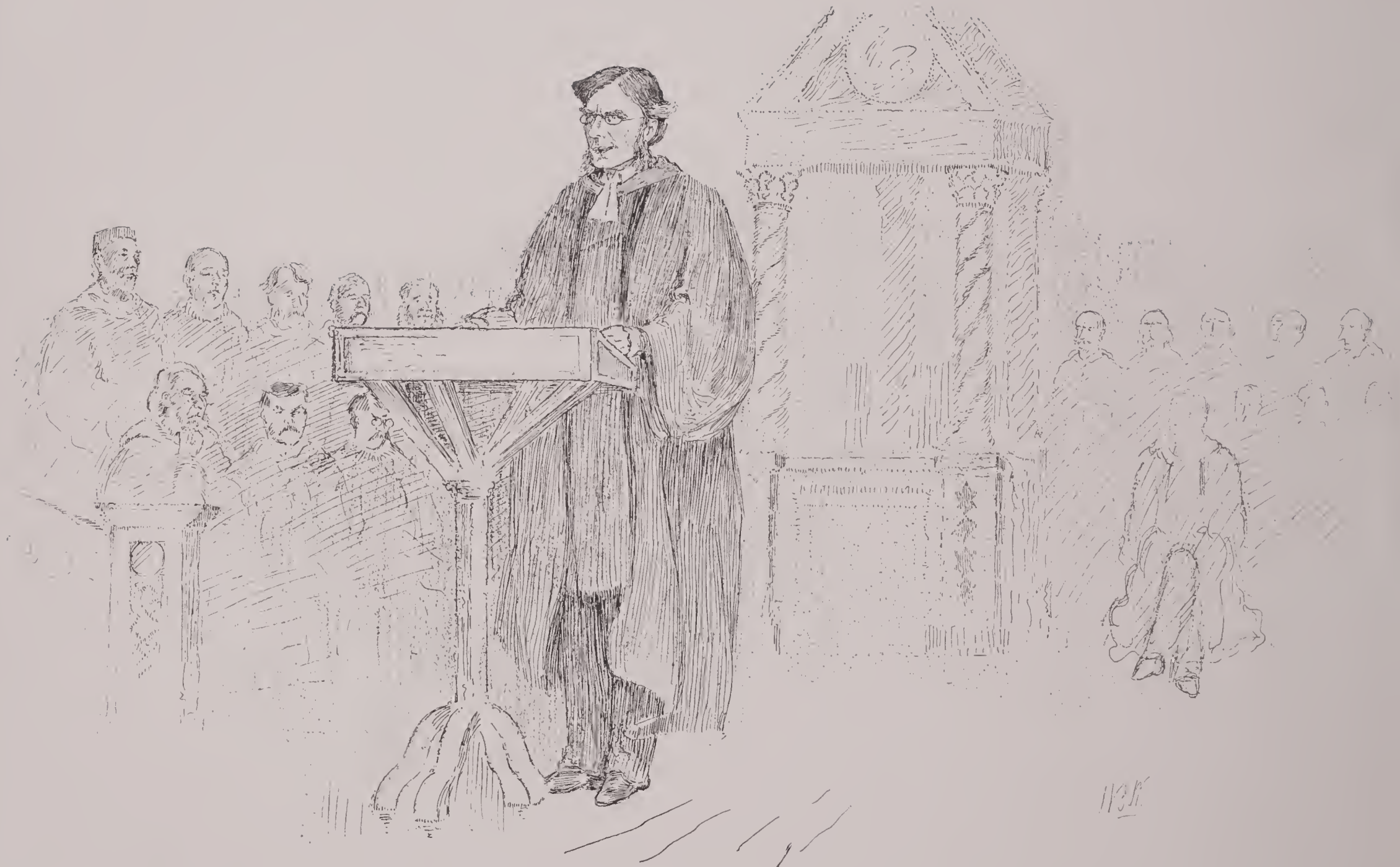
ANDREW F. WEST.

OLD NASSAU



"Tune every heart and every voice,
Bid every care withdraw,
Let all with one accord rejoice,
In praise of Old Nassau."

“I CANNOT better begin what I have to say upon this subject than by reminding you of the fact that religion, and by that I mean, of course, the Christian religion, is the genetic antecedent of the University. * * * The religion of Christ gave men new ideals. It turned them from the quest of pleasure and the love of plunder to a life of contemplation and the pursuit of knowledge. It made them thoughtful, serious and reverent. * * * Christianity popularized philosophy. For the Christian’s creed was a metaphysic. * * * Many of us, I dare say, remember that we took our first lessons in philosophy in the pew, and that we got our first impulse to think through the sermon. * * * In closing I would say, the religious thought of a university will affect popular religion. Religion does not depend upon the university for support, but it is a matter of great moment to inquire whether there is a serious inquiry concerning religious matters in the university. The religious influence of the university has not been negative. I believe the universities will soon be the center for a great religious movement. This work will proceed upon the basis of the written word and upon the ‘Word made flesh.’ I do not know what part Princeton will have in this movement, but it would be strange if she should have none. Whatever be our place in the sphere of intellectualism may Princeton be at the head in the sphere of religious activity. Christianity is more than a collection of precepts, it is a way of salvation. This message has been proclaimed in the pulpit of the College of New Jersey for 150 years, and may it never be said of those who hold a high place in Princeton University that they are ‘ashamed of the Gospel of Christ.’”—
PRESIDENT PATTON.



"No earthly honors we bequeath,
For Truth is her great law ;
And Virtue's amaranthine wreath
Shall speak for Old Nassau."





“And when these walls in dust are laid,
With reverence and awe,
Another throng shall breathe our song,
In praise of Old Nassau.”

NOW, in the year 1888, there graduated from the Halls of Nassau a very distinguished class. And during the time that this class remained in college they were very obstreperous and made much fun, and contributed to the gaiety of nations. And they vexed with mirth the drowsy ear of night. And they were loud, loyal, and aggressive. And their conduct was termed Horse Play. Hence at the alumni celebration they had strange horses to recall their ancient customs. This class numbered among its representatives judges and high potentates. And they always show up at the reunions and are prominent at the games.



"Till then with joy our songs we'll bring
And while a breath we draw,
We'll all unite to shout and sing
Long life to Old Nassau!"

THE Class of 1881 was worthy of honor while in college, and has proved itself the same since it graduated. And they belonged to the old régime, and were at Princeton before there sprung up many costly temples. And they cherished the ancient traditions of the place. And they arrayed themselves in the garb of the Revolutionary soldiers, and their president represented General Washington. And the display was pleasing, and the idea was poetic.



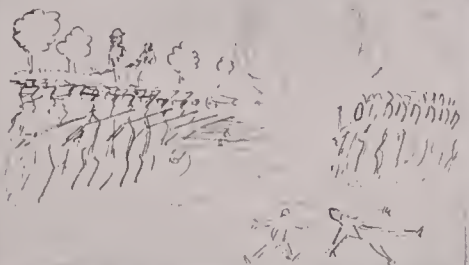
“IT is plain that it is the duty of an institution of learning set in the midst of a free population and amidst signs of social change, not merely to implant a sense of duty, but to illuminate duty by every lesson that can be drawn out of the past. It is not a dogmatic process. I know of no book in which the lessons of the past are set down. * * * This, it seems to me, is the real, the prevalent argument for holding every man we can to the intimate study of the ancient classics. * * * Do you wonder, then, that I ask for the old



drill, the old memory of times gone by, the old schooling in precedent and tradition, the old keeping of faith with the past, as a preparation for leadership in the days of social change? We have not given science too big a place in our education; but we have made a perilous mistake in giving it too great a preponderance in method and in every other branch of study. We must make the humanities human again; must recall what manner of men we are, must turn back once more to the region of practical ideals.”

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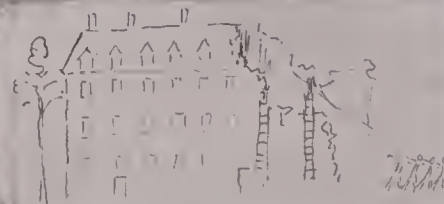
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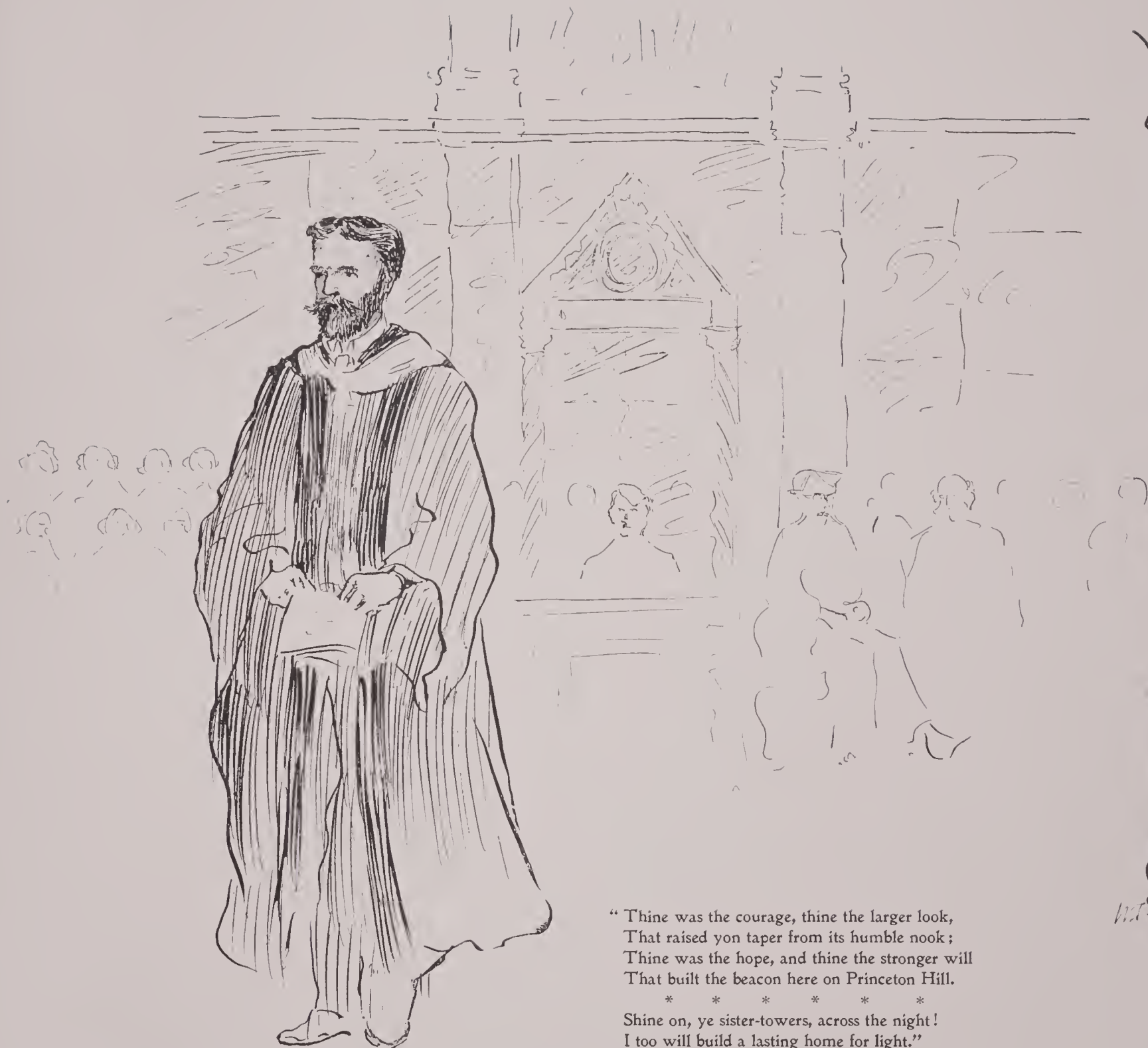
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THE CRIME OF '96.







"Thine was the courage, thine the larger look,
 That raised yon taper from its humble nook;
 Thine was the hope, and thine the stronger will
 That built the beacon here on Princeton Hill.

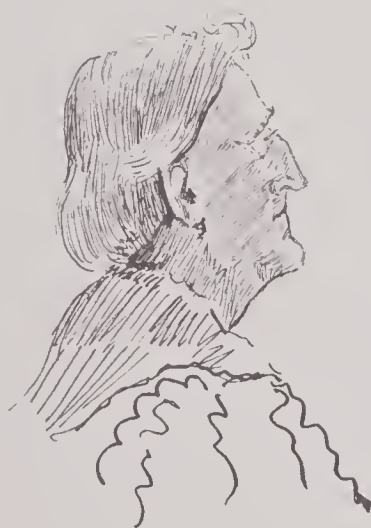
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Shine on, ye sister-towers, across the night!
 I too will build a lasting home for light."



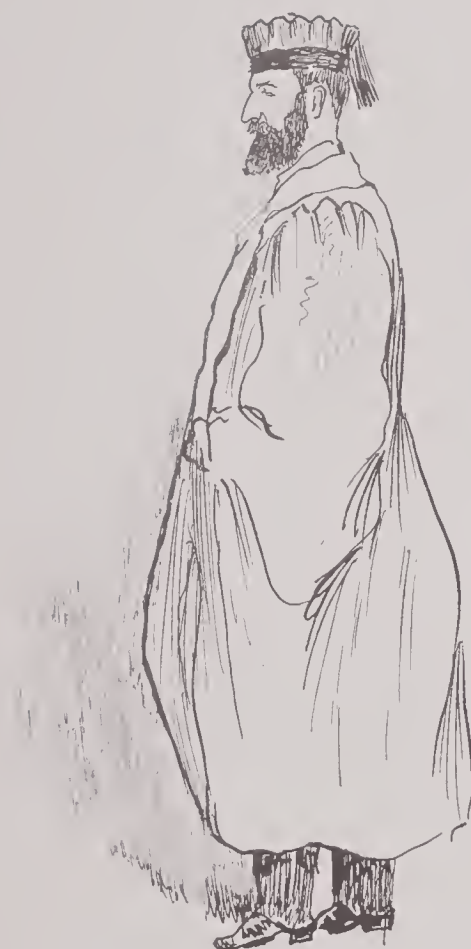








"Hang out your banners! On the outward wall
The cry is, still they come!"





“**W**HEN a design is apparent to lure the people from their honest thoughts and to blind their eyes to the sad plight of national dishonor and bad faith, I would have Princeton University, panoplied in her patriotic traditions and glorious memories, and joined by all the other universities and colleges of our land, cry out against the infliction of this treacherous and fatal wound.”—PRESIDENT CLEVELAND.





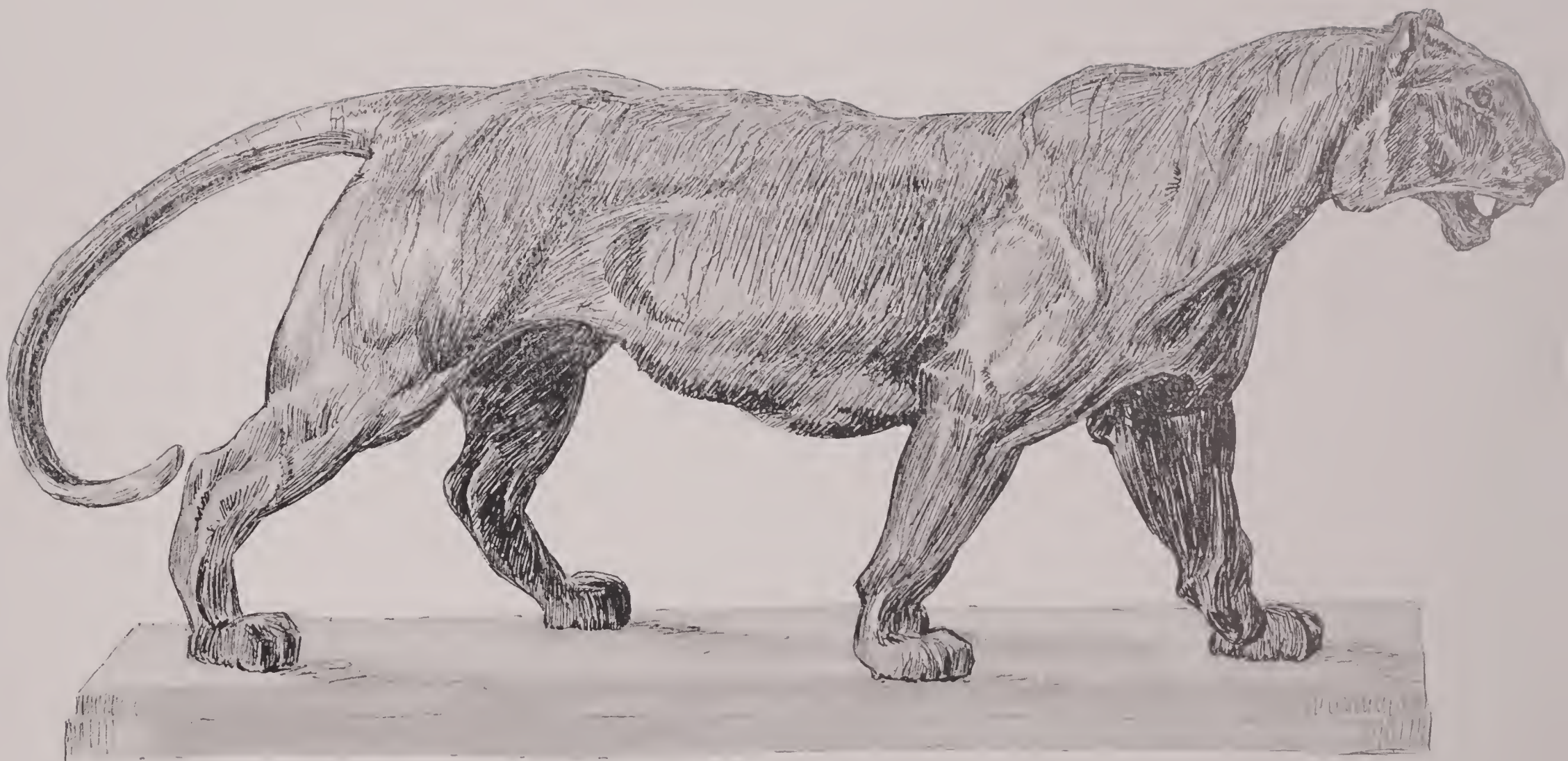


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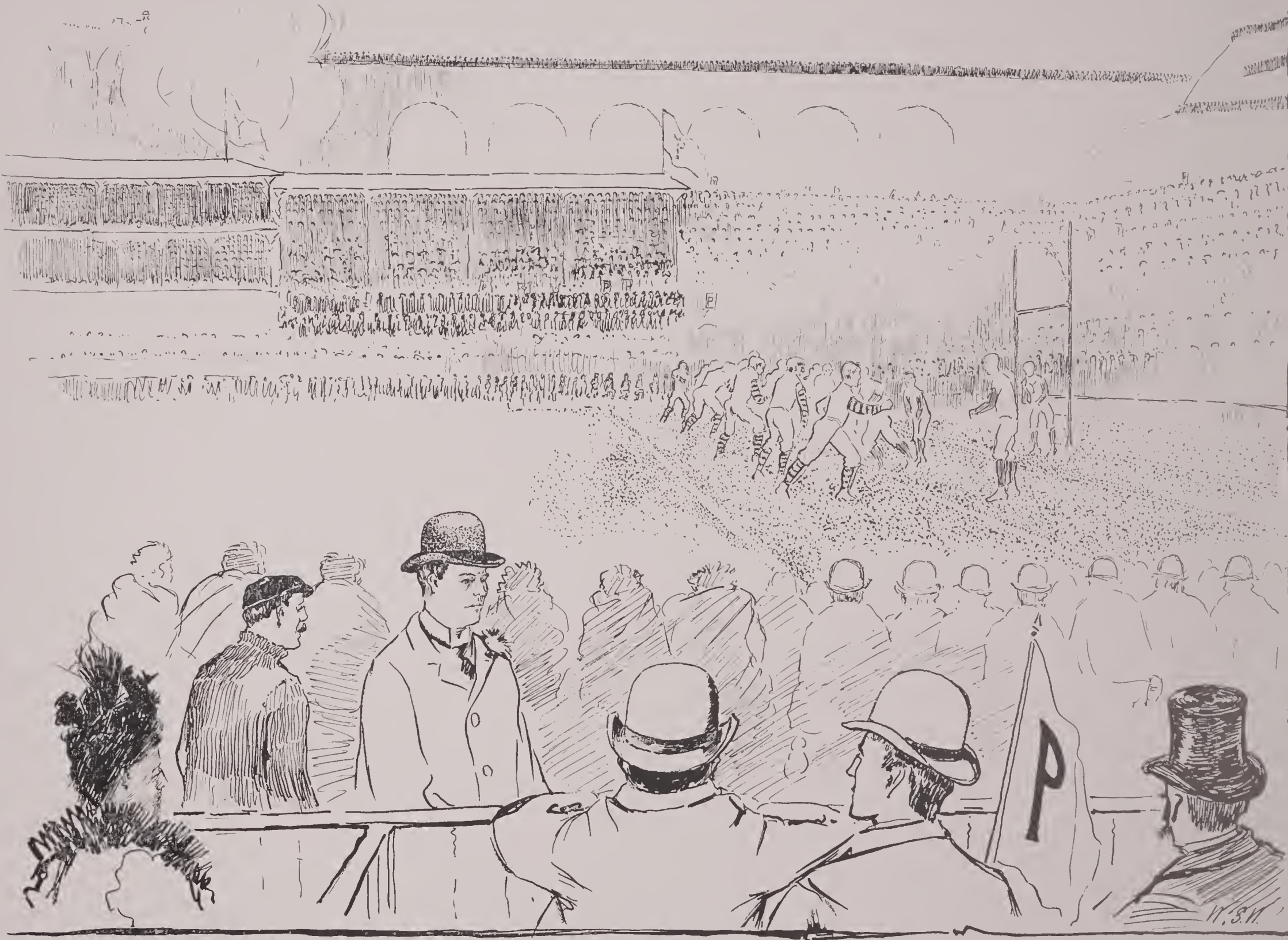


The Old Gentleman.









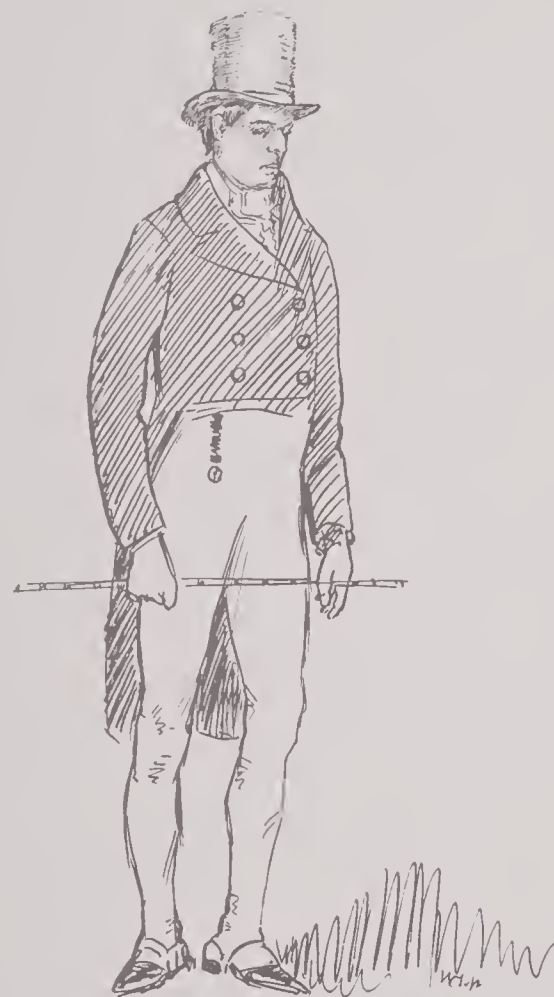
"What's doing, Freddy?"

"Oh! nothing's doing; we're only scoring touchdowns at will; that's all."





"Sir-r-r-s, I submit that there is nothing into it."





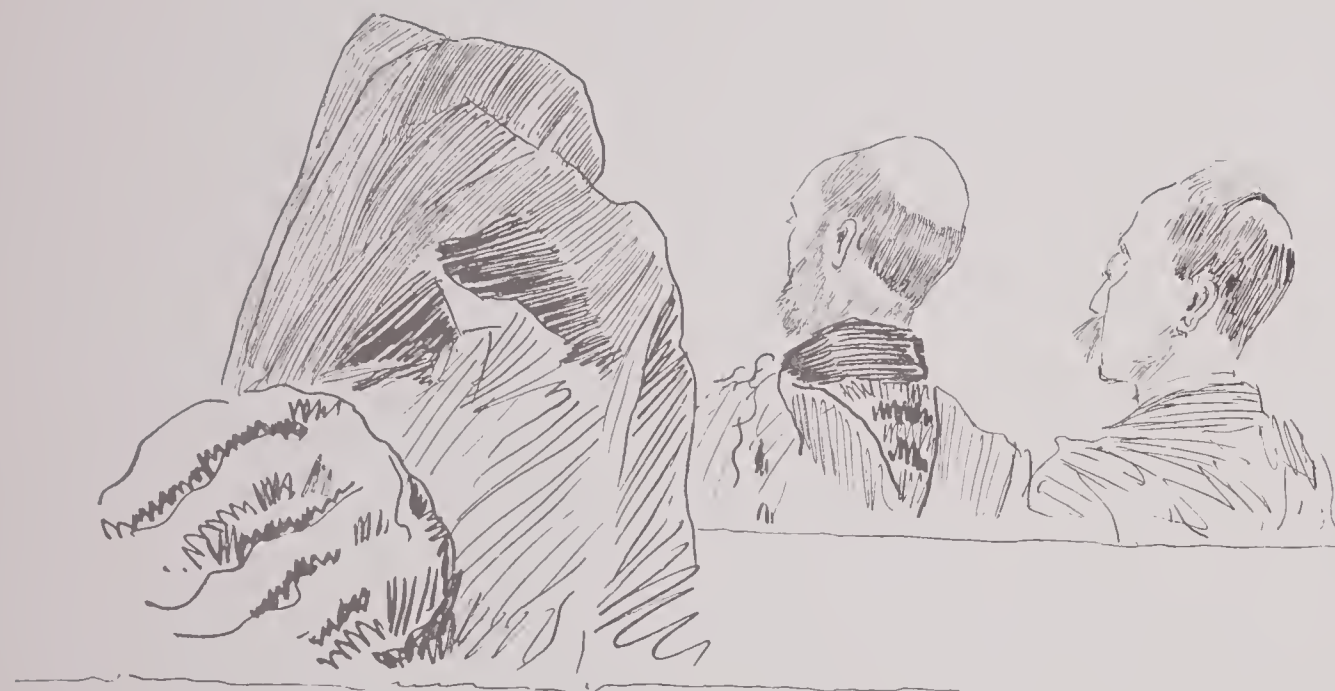
Hurray! Hurray! Hurray!

Tiger, Siss, Boom, Ah!

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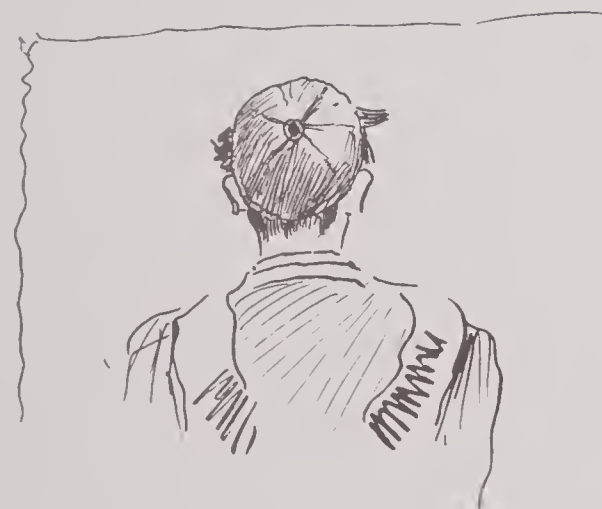
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“La Fin.
Napoleon I^{er} à Ste. Helène.”



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